bag on children, such as students of Classes I & II to leave text-books in the school itself, no homework to students of classes I & II and giving activity based work instead of homework to students of classes III to V. Schools affiliated to CBSE have been instructed to restrict number of textbooks to the prescribed level and to set up class libraries.

Institute of higher education at Chennai

1346. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an institute of higher education at national level at Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir, there is no such proposal at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Arbitrary fee structure in private schools

†1347. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of private schools are rising all over the country;

(b) whether these schools are free to absolutely prescribe and charge fee arbitrarily;

(c) whether Government propose to prescribe any norms regarding fee in order to put a check on arbitrariness of private schools; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the 6th All India Educational Survey (1993) and 7th All India School Education Survey (2002) conducted by NCERT, the number of private schools has increased from 1,25,737 in 1993 to 2,17,653 in 2002.

(b) to (d) Since private schools come under the purview of the State Governments, regulation of their fee structure is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

Reservation in foreign universities and technical institutions

†1348. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding implementing the reservation in the foreign universities and the technical educational institutes which are willing to set up their branches in large number in India; and

(b) the special rules that Government intend to make to ensure that the foreign universities and the technical institutes are not able to behave arbitrarily and cheat students after opening their branches in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for a Central legislation to regulate the entry and operations, as well as to prevent commercialization of higher education, by foreign educational institutions.

Enrolment of students in DPEP States

1349. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether enrolment of students had adversely been affected due to lack of basic necessities/facilities in schools across 12 District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) States;

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